



Governor's Task Force
on the Humane Treatment of Animals
Thursday, November 9, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Present: Joanne Bourbeau, Peter Marsh, Dick Wentzell, Sheila Presby, Mike Hughes, Steven Sprowl, Representative Nancy Johnson, Senator Sheila Roberge, Roni McCall, Elin Phinizy, Russ Pope, Stephanie Frommer, Dr. Steve Crawford and David Stowe

The October minutes were accepted without any changes.

Old Business

- **Funding Subcommittee**

Sheila Presby raised the question of whether lottery tickets might be a doable way to raise money for animal funding issues

Elin Phinizy thinks the law technically written requires the money to go to education.

Peter Marsh says we would have to create another constitutional amendment to create this lottery.

The provision of the New Hampshire Constitution that requires revenue from the lottery to be spent on education is Article 6-b.

Art.] 6-b. [Use of Lottery Revenues Restricted to Educational Purposes.] All moneys received from a state-run lottery and all the interest received on such moneys shall, after deducting the necessary costs of administration, be appropriated and used exclusively for the school districts of the state. Such moneys shall be used exclusively for the purpose of state aid to education and shall not be transferred or diverted to any other purpose. November 6, 1990

Some states have dedicated lottery revenue for such purposes.

Sheila Presby will contact the lottery commission to see if they can come in and talk to this taskforce.

- **Education Subcommittee**

Education Committee will be meeting with the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in January to discuss animal safe havens. Some member organizations have safe havens and some do not. A few organizations have indicated that the agreements they currently have do not work very well.

- **Subcommittee on Re-codification**

- Cruelty case cost questionnaire

Roni McCall did some research on cases that made the news in the last 5 years and has identified 147 cases; the list includes repeat offenders and other crimes offenders committed.

The cruelty case cost questionnaire has been drafted. It will go to licensed shelters, large animal and equine rescue groups. The goal is to send it out to the first tier and then, depending on their responses send it out to the towns, vets, and other agencies who may have participated in cruelty cases to get a true picture.

The taskforce present reviewed the draft and accepted it with only one change, Dr. Crawford's name was misspelled - it should be Dr. Stephen Crawford.

Roni McCall has offered to work Dr. Crawford in getting this questionnaire out and tally the results.

- **Proposed legislation for 2007**

Representative David Welch will be submitting proposed legislation regarding animal control officers.

New Business

None

Other

- Website <http://www.nh.gov/humane/> soon to be <http://www.humane.nh.gov> Dr. Jerilee Zezula will continue to be the Task Force contact for this website.
- Next meeting was scheduled for 12/14/06 has been cancelled.
- Next meeting TBA

Submitted by Roni McCall, Taskforce Secretary